

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

sub 1 1. A composite cord having a $1 \times n$ construction (n is an integer from 3 to 12) with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from 50°C to 200°C twisted together.

2. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the metallic filament has a diameter of from 0.15 mm to 0.45 mm.

3. The composite cord according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber is selected from polyethylene fiber and polypropylene fiber.

sub 2 4. A pneumatic tire employing for its reinforcing element a composite cord having a $1 \times n$ construction (n is an integer from 3 to 12) with from 2 to 11 metallic filaments and from 1 to 5 polymer fibers having a melting point of from 50°C to 200°C twisted together.

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